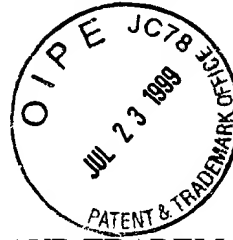


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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated April 22, 1999 for one month, from June 22, 1999 to July 22, 1999. An appropriate response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$110 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

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